

15. (Amended) The gaming machine of claim 1, wherein the entertainment content can be accessed on the gaming machine without requiring a game of chance to be played prior to accessing the entertainment content.

19. (Amended) A method of providing entertainment content on a gaming machine with a video display device coupled to a main cabinet of the gaming machine for providing game outcome presentations for one or more games, the method comprising:
displaying a list of one or more entertainment content sources;
receiving a selection of the entertainment content source from said list;
outputting the entertainment content from the selected entertainment content source to at least one output device;

wherein the video display device can be split into a plurality of windows for allowing a simultaneous display of at least the game outcome presentation in a first window of the video display and visually formatted entertainment content output from the selected entertainment content source in a second window of the video display device.

20. (Amended) The method of claim 19, further comprising:
prior to outputting the entertainment content, determining an indicia of credit amount for the selected entertainment content source;
displaying a message on the display device notifying a player of the determined indicia of credit amount for the selected entertainment content source; and
initiating the output of the selected entertainment content when the determined indicia of credit amount is available on the gaming machine.

21. (Amended) The method of claim 20, wherein the determined indicia of credit amount is independent of a wager on a game play on the gaming machine.

24. (Amended) The method of claim 19, further comprising:
prior to displaying the list of entertainment content sources,
loading information enabling the entertainment content available on the entertainment content sources to be displayed.

26. (Amended) The method of claim 25, wherein the output device is a first video display device and the display device is a second video display device.

Please Add the following claims.

41. The method of claim 19, further comprising:
displaying a game outcome presentation for the one or more games wherein the entertainment content is provided during selected operational modes of the gaming machine.

42. The method of claim 19, further comprising:
splitting the video display into a plurality of windows;
displaying a game outcome presentation in a first window and
displaying video-formatted entertainment content in a second window.

43. The method of claim 19, further comprising:
providing one or more player predetermined conditions a player must satisfy to access entertainment content on the gaming machine; and
upon satisfying at least one of the predetermined conditions, outputting the entertainment content to an output device;
wherein the entertainment content can be accessed without requiring a game of chance to be played prior to accessing the entertainment content.

44. A gaming machine comprising:
a video display device coupled to a main cabinet of the gaming machine;
a master gaming controller that controls one or more games played on the gaming machine and presents a game outcome presentation on said video display device;
at least one input device for selecting an entertainment content source; and
at least one output device configured to output audio-formatted entertainment content from the selected entertainment content source,
wherein the video display device can be split into a plurality of windows for allowing a simultaneous display of at least the game outcome presentation in a first window of the video display and video-formatted entertainment content from the selected entertainment content source in a second window of the video display device.